ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

WHENEVER someone is kind enough to write a letter to this column, I put it aside carefully to answer. As you have already guessed, I often put it aside so carefully that I can't find it again.

I don't throw it away. I have a horror of throwing anything away. If I were more ruthless, and not so kindly disposed toward inanimate objects, my life would be better organized.

The letter is there, mind you. But for the time being, I can't turn it up. The letter is just as thoroughly lost as if I had sealed it in a lead envelope and dropped it in the sea.

The person who wrote it waits for a reasonable time, then dismisses me as a boor and forgets the incident.

Months or years afterwards, the letter works its way up through the shifting mass of debris to the surface, and I find it in the time-honored way, while looking for something else.

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My response to any sort of letter is much the same as that of a dog to a bone. After I have chewed it for a few minutes and barked several times with joy, I bury it for safety, and forget where it is.

I don't care how bad a letter it is, either. The thing can be reeking with abuse and maggoty with errors of fact, but it tastes like porterhouse to me.

Someone has taken the trouble to write the letter. That person may despise me. However, he or she was interested enough to send a message. That's the thought that makes even a mouldy letter taste good.

However, if there is one kind of letter that I enjoy less than others, it is the missive without a name.

Often a letter needs to be made clearer, or to be cleansed of libel, before it is of any use. You can't print the stuff, because it isn't fit for the public eye. And you can't write to a person who identifies himself only as "Eternal Vigilance," or "Ech."

From now on, anonymous letters will still be greeted here with small yelps of pleasure, but (unless in extraordinary circumstances) they will not be printed.

If a citizen wishes to make his views public through this column without his name, he can sometimes do so. However, I must have the name for myself, so that I can contradict the writer and tell him that he is a scoundrel, too—a likable and public-spirited scoundrel, of course. This means you, "Nauseated."

Y's Men Help Retarded

Helping to pay for retarded children's training needs, Art Lees, right, president of the Victoria Y's Men's Club, presents $450 cheque to Ken Lowndes, president of the Greater Victoria Retarded Children's Association.—(Colonist photo.)

Cause of Blight, Says Smith

Tax Relief Urged On Older Homes

Tax concessions for owners of older-type homes who seek to make improvements were urged in the provincial legislature yesterday by J. Donald Smith (SC-Victoria).

He said that Victoria, especially, is faced "with the very great and pressing problem in regard to the deterioration of our older homes."

"Most of these were once impressive and fine old buildings, but over the past 40 to 60 years, they have deteriorated—that deterioration being compounded year by year."

He said the plague on older houses today is lack of repair and there is a financial inability on the part of owners to repair them.

"In order to clear our slums and blighted areas and to improve our communities, we must eliminate the causes of slums and blight.

"The owners of these properties have a hard time making ends meet—what with taxes, utilities, fuels and the like," he said. "They have a harder time scraping up money for improvements."

But when they do improve their older houses "along comes the assessor and much higher taxes on top of everything else."

He said owners feel they are much better off leaving their property "as is," rather than inviting higher taxes.

He asked the legislature to give the right to municipalities to enact bylaws that "would say to owners of these properties, 'if you take out improvement permits at any time during the next two years, then we shall grant you tax exemption for a period of, say, five years on the amount of improvement.'"

U.S. Makes Columbia Concession

B.C. Can Clinch Gain

Socred Co-operation Urged As Service to All Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada appears to have wrung a major concession from the United States in the controversy over power development of the Columbia River system, informants said Thursday.

The U.S. apparently has tacitly recognized Canadian entitlement to a share of the power generated at dams on the American section of the Columbia through use of water fed down as needed from storage dams on the Canadian part of the river, they said.

NEVER CONCEDED

Up to now, the U.S. section of the International Joint Commission has never conceded such Canadian entitlement on the grounds that the U.S. government had not made up its mind on the matter.

Works Minister Green said at the night sitting of the Commons that the Columbia development depends to a great extent on the co-operation of the B.C. government which seems to favor a "pet scheme" for development in the B.C. interior by the Wenner-Gren company.

GREAT DISSERVICE

If the Canadian development is killed by failure of the B.C. government to co-operate, he said, a great disservice will have been done the people of B.C. and the people of Canada.

The Columbia development would give B.C. its greatest impetus since the province was established more than 100 years ago.

The Canadian and U.S. governments jointly announced Thursday they have asked the commission to recommend at an early date apportionment between the two countries of power developed co-operatively.

LOGICAL MEANING

Informants said the only logical meaning to be taken from this is that the U.S. would not instruct its section of the commission to discuss apportionment of benefits unless it had recognized Canadian entitlement to at least some of these benefits.

Thus Canada would appear to have won a substantial victory in diplomatic exchanges with the U.S. during the last two years on future development of the Columbia system.

MANY MONTHS

Informants said it may be many months before any agreed formula is worked out. The two governments would then have to accept this formula and concurrence of British Columbia would have to be obtained because water resources in Canada come under provincial jurisdiction.

GANDHI'S WORKS

The "collected works" of the late Mahatma Gandhi, a project of the government of India, may run to 100 volumes.

Queen Alters Plan

HALIFAX (CP)—The Queen is expected now to leave Canada by ship rather than plane at the end of her six-week tour this summer, Lt.-Gen. Howard D. Graham said here Thursday.

Gen. Graham, royal tour commissioner, told a press conference it is "intended that the Queen will leave Halifax by the Britannia." The Britannia would take her all the way home. The original tour itinerary said she would fly home.

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Manhunt—Live!

CHICAGO (AP)—All this happened in downtown Chicago Thursday, and not on television.

A youth in a radio store snatched $290 from the owner's wife, Mrs. Jeanett Rosenbloom, and dashed out the door.

"Thief, police, robbery," screamed Mrs. Rosenbloom. Two employees, James Neal, 24, and Willie Freeney, 35, jumped to her aid.

But Neal and Freeney got caught in the revolving door. When they freed themselves, the fugitive had a comfortable lead.

Neal began yelling, "stop thief!" passers-by obliged by grabbing Freeney.

Traffic officer Francis O'Connor then joined the pursuit. A block farther along, officer Joseph Smith rushed to O'Connor's aid.

O'Connor tried a flying tackle, missed and slid 10 feet into a gutter.

Several businessmen moved into action. Robert Huckle, 25, a Wall Street Journal sales representative, brought the thief down with a hard tackle, and held him until police arrived.

Object of all the ado Ralph Gayles, 19, explained:

"I saw all that money and just got excited."

Ship Calendar

Cruising Frigates Return Next Week

Seven of the eight frigates in Pacific Command will make a brave show as they sail down the Strait of Juan de Fuca next week.

Four ships — Sussexvale, Stettler, Antigonish and Beacon Hill—are returning from a cadet training cruise in mid-Pacific waters.

Two others, New Glasgow and New Waterford, are due to return Friday from anti-submarine exercises in local waters. They will sail again Saturday for rendezvous at sea with a third frigate, Jonquiere, now on pilotage and coastal navigation exercises in the Prince Rupert area.

New Glasgow, New Waterford and Jonquiere will meet the other four ships Tuesday, and squadron exercises will be carried out on the run home.

Only ship of the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron not taking part is Ste. Therese, recommissioned last Saturday after refit, and now undergoing trials.

Only merchant ship in port today is the Dintledyk, flagship of the Holland America Line Pacific fleet. She will load 480,000 board feet of lumber for U.K. Several passengers, bound for Europe via the leisurely Panama route, will go aboard tomorrow.

A sister ship, the Duivendyk, is due to berth here sometime Sunday, bringing general cargo. Sailing date for the Dinteldyk has not yet been fixed.

Another ship carrying cruise Harmac today loading pulp, passengers, Lismoria, is at She is due to sail tomorrow for the U.K.

Two other ships, Norwegian freighter Gjertrud Bakke and the Ventura, sailed yesterday after discharging cargoes of frozen fish at Victoria.

Merchant shipping in up-Island ports includes the Norma, Chemainus; Andros Glamour and Seacob, Nanaimo; Archanax, Almagro, Riverton and Brittany, Alberni.

The Weather

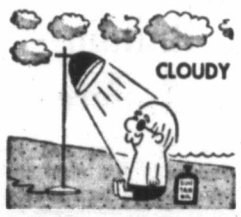
January 30, 1959

Variable cloudiness in the morning and showers during the night. Winds variable 15. Precipitation Thursday, nil. Sunshine, 30 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures
High 44 Low 39

Forecast Temperatures
High 47 Low 37
Sunrise 7.47 Sunset 5.08

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy, with showers at night. Little change in temperature. Wind southeast 20 in Georgia Strait in the afternoon, otherwise light. High and low at Nanaimo, 45 and 28.



West Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy, with rain beginning in the northern part about noon and spreading to the southern part by sundown. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 20. High and low at Estevan Point, 46 and 37.

TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	19	24	.01
Halifax	25	37	--
Montreal	14	33	--
Ottawa	14	29	--
Toronto	16	36	Trace
North Bay	21	28	.04
Port Arthur	8	19	.41
Kenora	—6	2	Trace
Winnipeg	—10	—1	Trace
The Pas	—23	—12	--
Regina	—8	—2	Trace
Saskatoon	—20	—2	.03
Prince Albert	—29	—10	.04
North Battleford	—22	—10	.01
Swift Current	—15	—1	--
Medicine Hat	—1	6	Trace
Lethbridge	—7	6	.27
Calgary	2	5	.04
Edmonton	—12	0	.01
Kimberley	6	30	--
Crescent Valley	18	34	.07
Kaslo	27	36	--
Grand Forks	21	29	--
Kamloops	25	31	--
Penticton	29	33	--
Vancouver	33	46	--
Prince Rupert	35	44	.04
Prince George	14	17	.06
Whitehorse	—23	4	--
Seattle	34	48	--
Portland	39	50	.04
San Francisco	41	58	--
Los Angeles	52	77	--
Spokane	27	35	--
Chicago	27	36	.01
New York	26	39	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
30	00.13	4.5	07.07	9.1	13.47	4.7	19.27	6.4
31	00.47	5.4	07.42	9.3	14.56	4.0	23.50	6.3
Feb.								
1	01.18	6.2	08.22	9.4	16.04	3.3	--------	
2	09.03	9.6	17.07	2.7	--------		--------	
3	09.56	9.5	18.03	2.3	--------		--------	
4	04.39	8.2	05.06	8.1	10.54	9.4	18.52	1.9
5	04.37	8.3	06.38	8.0	11.31	9.3	19.37	1.7
6	05.04	8.3	07.17	7.7	12.45	9.2	20.18	1.8
7	05.30	8.2	08.27	7.2	13.35	8.9	20.58	2.1
8	05.43	8.1	09.14	6.7	14.23	8.5	21.35	2.5
9	04.52	8.1	10.00	6.3	15.10	8.1	22.14	3.2
10	05.10	8.2	10.49	5.9	15.59	7.6	22.48	3.9

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
30	01.56	6.2	08.55	12.1	15.53	5.4	22.13	9.0
31	02.42	7.4	09.28	12.0	16.52	4.6	--------	
Feb.								
1	00.11	9.2	08.40	8.6	10.04	11.8	17.51	3.8
2	02.04	9.9	05.06	9.5	10.45	11.6	18.48	3.2
3	03.17	10.6	06.46	10.0	11.34	11.3	19.40	2.7
4	04.04	11.2	08.14	10.0	12.32	11.0	20.31	2.4
5	04.43	11.5	08.27	9.7	13.37	10.7	21.16	2.3
6	05.17	11.6	10.13	9.2	14.40	10.5	22.01	2.4
7	05.48	11.7	11.00	8.6	15.40	10.3	22.41	2.8
8	06.16	11.7	11.43	7.9	16.37	10.0	23.20	3.3
9	06.43	11.8	12.25	7.3	17.33	9.7	23.58	4.0
10	07.06	11.4	13.06	6.8	18.29	9.4	--------	

Today's Events

A B.C. Government picture on the Deas Island tunnel will be shown at **Victoria Lions Club** meeting, 12 noon, Empress Hotel . . . **YMCA of Victoria** annual meeting, 7.45 p.m., banquet room at the YMCA building . . . **PPCLI Association** meeting at 8 p.m., corporals' mess, Work Point Barracks . . . R. G. Slauer, vice-president of the **Illuminating Engineering Society** addresses the Vancouver Island chapter at a dinner meeting starting at 6.30 p.m., Pacific Club.

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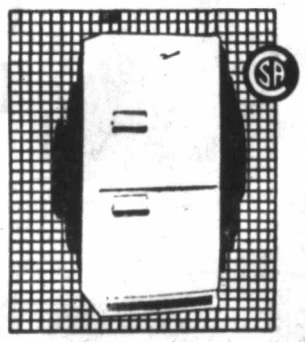

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